



ADMINISTRATION ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

DISABILITY IS A NATURAL PART OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE...

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Join the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in recognizing [EITC Awareness Day](#) on **January 28, 2011**. The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for working individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Did you know that individuals with disabilities (25 percent of whom live below the poverty level) continue to leave millions of dollars in EITC unclaimed each year?

The IRS has answers to [frequently asked questions](#), as well as an [EITC Assistant tool](#) to help you find out whether or not you should claim this credit. You may also be interested in a webinar, titled "[How Earned Income Tax Credits Can Support Persons with Disabilities](#)," hosted by the Assets for Independence Resource Center on January 24th at 3 p.m. EST. This webinar will discuss common misunderstandings that prevent individuals with disabilities from filing their taxes and claiming their EITC.

The IRS also describes seven tax deductions, income exclusions and credits that are available for qualified taxpayers with disabilities in its brochure, "[Living and Working with Disabilities](#)." These deductions include Impairment-Related Work Expenses; Credit for the Elderly or Disabled; Medical Expenses; and the Child or Dependent Care Tax Credit.

In addition, the IRS offers [free tax return preparation services](#) through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) for people with low to moderate incomes and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). To locate the nearest VITA site, call 1-800-906-9887. For more information on TCE, call 1-800-829-1040.

You can also receive free tax preparation and filing assistance through the Real Economic Impact Tour (REI Tour). The REI Tour provides Americans with disabilities tools and resources to improve their lives through financial education, training and counseling. Check the map of [2010-2011 REI Tour Cities](#) to find a location near you and visit the program's [Events](#) page for other important trainings and activities.

For information on EITC and other tax credits, visit the [Employment](#) section of Disability.gov. at [Earned Income Tax Credit \(EITC\) Awareness Day 2011](#)

Thank you.

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